

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

**MINUTES**

February 25, 1999

The Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education met for the regular business meeting in Conference Rooms D and E, James Monroe Building, Richmond, Virginia, on Thursday, February 25, 1999 with the following members present:

Mr. Kirk T. Schroder, President  
Senator J. Brandon Bell, Vice President  
Mrs. Jennifer C. Byler  
Mr. Mark C. Christie

Mrs. Susan T. Noble  
Mr. Robert H. Patterson, Jr.  
Mrs. Ruby W. Rogers  
Senator John W. Russell

Mr. Paul D. Stapleton, Secretary and  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mr. Schroder, president, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

***INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

Senator Russell gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

Mrs. Byler made a motion for approval of the minutes of the January 7 meeting. Copies of the minutes had been distributed previously to all members of the Board for review. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

The motion was made by Mrs. Byler, seconded by Mrs. Noble, and carried unanimously for approval of the agenda.

***CONSENT AGENDA***

The motion was made by Mrs. Byler, seconded by Senator Bell, and carried unanimously for approval of the consent agenda.

**Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund Loans for Placement on Waiting List**

The Department of Education's recommendation is that funding for three projects in the amount of \$9,205,000 be deferred and the projects be placed on the First Priority Waiting List.

**First Priority Waiting List**

COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWN	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
Waynesboro City	Westwood Hills Elementary	5,000,000.00
Hanover County	John Gandy Elementary	2,955,000.00
Roanoke City	Hurt Park Elementary	1,250,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,205,000.00</b>

**Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Applications for Literary Fund Loans**

The Department of Education's recommendation is to approve three new applications in the amount of \$9,205,000 subject to review and approval by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Section 22.1-156, *Code of Virginia*.

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Waynesboro City	Westwood Hills Elementary	5,000,000.00
Hanover County	John Gandy Elementary	2,955,000.00
Roanoke City	Hurt Park Elementary	1,250,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,205,000.00</b>

**Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund**

The Department of Education's recommendation to approve the financial report on the status of the Literary Fund as of November 30, 1998, was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

## ***DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES***

Senator Bell requested Board members and Department staff to be prepared to discuss issues concerning SOLs outside the four academic core areas at the board's retreat in April. He had recently attended a meeting and the discussion was about revising the SOLs for art and music.

Mr. Schroder introduced Linda McGinn, the new Director of Communications with the Department of Education. Mr. Stapleton said that Ms. McGinn's primary focus will be working with the State Board of Education.

Mr. Schroder said that within the next year the board will review the Board of Education By-Laws.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following persons spoke during the public comment period:

Rick Nelson  
Nancy Hester

## **RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. George Irby, Director, Compensatory Programs, Department of Education, assisted Mr. Schroder in presenting resolutions to the following 1998-99 Title I Distinguished Graduates.

\$Dr. Lory J. Dance, 1981 graduate of Petersburg High School, Petersburg City Public Schools  
\$Stanley M. Meador, 1992 graduate of Galax High School, Galax City Public Schools  
\$Trinh Nguyen, 1989 graduate of William Byrd High School, Roanoke County Public Schools  
\$Diameng Pa, 1997 graduate of Wakefield High School, Arlington County Public Schools  
\$JoWanda P. Rollins, 1996 graduate of Caroline High School, Caroline County Public Schools

## ***First Review of Initiation of Administrative Process Act to Promulgate Regulations Relating to School Accountability***

The Board of Education is requested to authorize the preparation and submission of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) as required by the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA) and Executive Order Number Twenty-five (98) to promulgate regulations to define consequences and rewards for public school accountability. The Administrative Process Act (APA) procedures must be initiated in order to promulgate or amend regulations.

Mrs. Byler made a motion to waive first review. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

Mr. Christie made a motion to authorize the preparation and submission of the appropriate Notice of Intended Regulatory Action package (Pre-NOIRA) as required by Executive Order Number Twenty-five (98). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

**First Review of Request to Add a Third Site to the Commonwealth Governor=s School**

Mr. Ralph Johnson, Superintendent, King George County Schools asked the Board to give serious consideration to add a third site to the Commonwealth Governor=s School. Mr. Johnson introduced Mr. Ed Sullivan, Board President, Commonwealth Governor=s School and Mrs. Sylvia Wadsworth, Director, Commonwealth Governor=s School. Mr. Johnson also recognized people in the audience attending the meeting as supporters of the Commonwealth Governor=s School. Mrs. Wadsworth, faculty, and students from the Commonwealth Governor=s School gave a Power point presentation.

Mrs. Cheri Yecke, Deputy Secretary of Education, expressed her support for a third site of the Commonwealth Governor=s School.

Mrs. Byler made a motion to waive first review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Christie and carried unanimously.

Senator Russell made a motion to adopt the King George site if it does not require additional state funding. If state funding is required, the request must come back to the Board of Education because it affects other governor=s schools around the state. Also, the request for additional sites will be presented for second review at the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

**Report on the Technical/Career Center--A Collaborative Effort Between Tidewater Community College and Virginia Beach Public Schools**

The Advanced Technology Center is a unique partnership between Virginia Beach Public Schools and Tidewater Community College. The school district and city provided \$13 million to supplement \$10 million of state support for the construction of a 138,000 sq.ft. building on the campus of Tidewater Community College. A myriad of programs, specifically related to high-tech, vocational opportunities will be the focus on instructional services. Staging areas for work-force training, in collaboration with the Department of Economics Development, are an integral part of the academic program.

Dr. Timothy R. Jenney, Superintendent of Virginia Beach Public Schools, Dr. Deborah DiCroce, and Dr. Patrick Nicky presented an overview of the Advanced Technology Career Center. The Board accepted the report.

**First Review of HJR 124, Feasibility of Establishing Workforce Training and Education Technology Centers**

The study concerning the Feasibility of Establishing Workforce Training and Education Technology Centers, was authorized by House Joint Resolution (HJR) 124, directing the State Board for Community Colleges, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, to examine the feasibility of developing technology to consider the appropriate placement and governance of such centers, the coordination between community colleges and the public schools in addressing workforce training, dual enrollment opportunities, and business-education linkages to promote workforce preparation.

Dr. Kay Brown, Specialist, Career Education, Vocational Education, Department of Education reported that it is both feasible and desirable for Virginia to proceed with establishing workforce training and education technology centers. The following recommendations are offered to establish both urban and rural technology centers to focus on workforce training and education and to serve various regions of the Commonwealth:

1. Continue to support implementation of the Tidewater Community College/Virginia Beach City Public Schools Technical Center and examine the results to determine the applicability of this model for other urban community college/public school partnerships.
2. Select a rural region of the state to initiate a pilot joint facility to provide a model center for other rural areas of the Commonwealth. The region that is recommended for this pilot is the Culpeper area. The educational, government, and business leaders of this area have already established a Citizens Task Force to plan a joint technical center between the public schools and Germanna Community College.
3. Provide appropriate funding to both the urban model and the rural model of collaboration between the public school and community college.

4. Expand the membership of the Statewide Workforce Training Council (to be changed to the Virginia Workforce Council if pending legislation is enacted) to include the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allow closer collaboration with public schools and higher education in workforce training and development.
5. Conduct a study of the jointly owned and operated secondary regional vocational centers to evaluate their applicability for expansion to regional technical centers of the future.
6. Encourage the Statewide Workforce Training Council (to be changed to the Virginia Workforce Council if pending legislation is enacted) to examine other collaborative initiatives and determine business and industry support for these ventures.
7. Encourage the Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges to work together to determine how their respective institutions could collaborate more effectively.
8. Evaluate the progress of collaborative initiatives through joint presentations of the community colleges and public schools to the House and Senate Education Committees once a biennium.

Mrs. Byler made a motion to waive first review. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Byler made a motion to adopt the recommendations and submit to the State Board for Community Colleges to submit to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Noble and carried unanimously.

**First Review of Proposal to Establish a Licensure Route for Military Personnel with Instructional Experience**

A Board of Education member requested Department of Education personnel to review the concept of establishing a Board of Education teacher licensure route for military personnel with instructional experience. Military personnel have considerable expertise and training, and some have had extensive military teaching backgrounds. Instructional opportunities offered in the military include preparation in instructional training, multi-cultural sensitivity, motivational theory, management by objective, organization skills, accountability, leadership, assessment, substance abuse, counseling skills, and computer technology.

Dr. Thomas Elliott, Assistant Superintendent, Teacher Education and Professional Licensure, Department of Education, reported that this route to licensure will allow military personnel with instructional experience to apply directly to the Department of Education for a license. The following criteria would need to be completed to become eligible for a five-year, renewable license.

1. Degree from a regionally accredited institution in an endorsement (teaching) area or the equivalent. (Individuals without a degree who have exhibited academic proficiency, technical competency, and occupational experience may be eligible for the Technical Professional License.)
2. Three years of documented successful military experience in instruction; and
3. Successful completion of the Professional Teacher's Assessment prescribed by the Board of Education (Praxis I and Praxis II-Specialty Area examination, if one is available in the endorsement area being sought.)

Senator Bell made a motion to waive first review. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously.

Mr. Christie made a motion to grant approval to the Department of Education to begin the required procedures of the Administrative Process Act (APA). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously.

#### **First Review of Pre-NOIRA of Regulation Governing Secondary School Transcript**

The Board of Education's Regulations Governing Secondary School Transcript (8 VAC 20-160-10, 8 VAC 20-160-20, 8 VAC 20-160-30, 8 VAC 20-160-40, 8 VAC 20-160-50, and 8 VAC 20-160-60) have been in effect since May 25, 1988. Statutory Authority: Article VIII, ' 4-5 of the *Constitution of Virginia*; ' 22.1-16 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Revisions to the Board of Education's *Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia*, September 1997, establish new graduation requirements for students earning high school diplomas in Virginia. Beginning with the ninth-grade class of 2000-2001 (graduating class of 2003-2004), students will be required to earn a prescribed number of certified units. This requirement for verified units affects students who are currently taking high school credit bearing courses in grade seven or earlier. To keep pace with changes in the SOA, a review of the Board's *Regulations Governing Secondary School Transcript* is necessary.

Mr. Christie made a motion to waive first review. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell

and carried unanimously.

Mr. Christie made a motion to grant approval for the Department of Education to submit a Pre-NOIRA preliminary determination packet to begin the administrative process of APA. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Senator Bell made a motion to go into executive sessions under Virginia Code section 2.1-344.A1 specifically to discuss personnel matters related to licensure. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously. The Board adjourned for Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

Senator Bell made a motion that the Board reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

Senator Bell made a motion that the Board certify by roll call vote that to the best of each members knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification motion applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board. The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.

### **Board Roll Call:**

Mrs. Rogers - Aye Mr. Schroder - Aye  
Mrs. Byler - Aye Senator Bell - Aye  
Mr. Christie - Aye Senator Russell - Aye  
Mr. Patterson - Aye Mrs. Noble - Aye

Senator Bell made the following motion: Mr. President, I move that the Board of Education take the following actions relative to the licensure cases presented during the executive session.

- " Case #1 - Recommend that the Superintendent's recommendation be approved.
- " Case #2 - Recommend that the issuance of a license to the individual involved in Case #2, upon completion of the approved program at Virginia Commonwealth University, be approved.
- " Case #3 - Recommend that the license of the individual in Case #3 not be suspended, but rather that a letter be sent to the superintendent of the hiring division and to the license holder advising of State Board of Education policy and



requesting the hiring division to report back to the Board assuring its future actions will be consistent with state regulations.

- " Case #4 - Recommend the revocation of the license of the individual involved in Case #4.
- " Case #5 - Recommend the revocation of the license of the individual involved in case #5.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business, Mr. Schroder adjourned the meeting of the Virginia Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education at 11:57 a.m.

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President

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Secretary of the Board